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Our Reference: WA-OK#0179.90.R1.04

Mr. Michael Fogarty  
State Medicaid Director  
Oklahoma Health Care Authority  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Mr. Fogarty:

I am pleased to inform you that your amendment request for the Oklahoma Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0179.90.R1 has been approved with an effective date of July 1, 1998. This HCBSW program, as authorized under the provisions of 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, provides community-based services as an alternative to individuals who would otherwise require institutional care in Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This amendment has been assigned control number 0179.90.R1.04. This control number should be used in all future correspondence regarding the waiver.

Your request indicates that since January 1995 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority has selected a sample size of ten percent (10%) for the waiver audits. Utilizing such a large sampling percentage has resulted in expertise in identification and categorization of deficiencies within the ICF/MR waiver. Based upon this historical perspective, you ask that the sample size for the ICF/MR waiver audits be changed from ten percent (10%) to three percent (3%) of the population. Currently, the ICF/MR waiver serves more than 2500 unduplicated individuals. We note that this change does not affect the number of unduplicated individuals nor impact upon the overall Factor "D" cost effectiveness.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Reeder of my staff at (214) 767-4419.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid  
and State Operations

